## AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 10, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

A preferred embodiment of the present invention is described below with reference to the accompanying figures. It will be noted that the following embodiments are shown by way of description only and do <u>not</u> limit the scope of the invention. It will be apparent to one skilled in the related art from the following description taken in connection with the drawings that various alternative embodiments can be achieved by replacing some or all of the elements described below with equivalent elements. All such variations are included in the scope of this invention.